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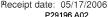
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, and the International Preliminary Examination Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority that issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/AU2004/001014, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report and the Written Opinion were enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on February 8, 2006. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to





inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

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International Patent Publication No. WO 2004/034310:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-231078, together with an English language Abstract and translation of the same; and

U.S. Patent No. 5.040.175.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following documents: International Patent Publication No. WO 2001/078426;

U.S. Patent No. 6.574.668:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0227934:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/567,575 to QUICK et al., which was filed on February 8, 2006; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/567,574 to QUICK et al., which was filed on February 8, 2006.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent applications were filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent applications are not enclosed





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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Ashleigh Glen QUICK et al.

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